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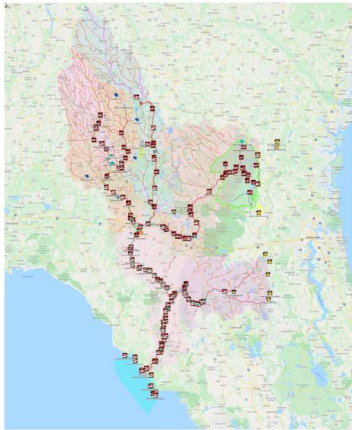


Re: **No phosphate mine waste into recreational lakes, and more transparency**

Dear Chair, Commissioners, and Coordinator,



Five years ago County Commissioners and interested citizens got some good changes to the last mining permit renewal by Nutrien. Some further steps can be taken on transparency and on keeping mining waste out of recreational lakes where it would affect the economy, the viability of local businesses, wildlife, and the creeks and the Suwannee River. Those and other requests are summarized at the end of this letter.



Five years ago (2018)

Back in January 2018, PCS, recently become Nutrien through merger with Agrium, agreed to several things, including: <https://wwals.net/?p=41356>

- “Board Member Harrell Tyree then asked PCS point blank, “Will you file reports [of permit actions] in writing?” PCS rushed to say yes, yes, they would do that. County Attorney Cliff Adams made a note of that.”
- Getting the consultant’s final report in electronic form.
- Getting access to PCS’ water quality monitoring data, through [FDEP’s online Electronic Document Management System \(OCULUS\)](#).

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Further agreement back in January 2018: <https://wwals.net/?p=42975>

- Issue 1- Nutrien agreed to supply the county with copies of the final design of the CTC gyp stack.
- Issue 2- Nutrien agreed to train a small group of county staff to navigate the DEP Oculus website to download the water quality information.
- They also agreed to send a paper report with the water quality information to the county monthly if the county found the Oculus site too cumbersome.

Under section D

1. Nutrien agreed to include PDFs of maps made in Auto Cad.
2. See Issue 2.
3. All tables **within the Hamilton County Annual Report will contain footnotes to denote flow conditions where applicable.**

